

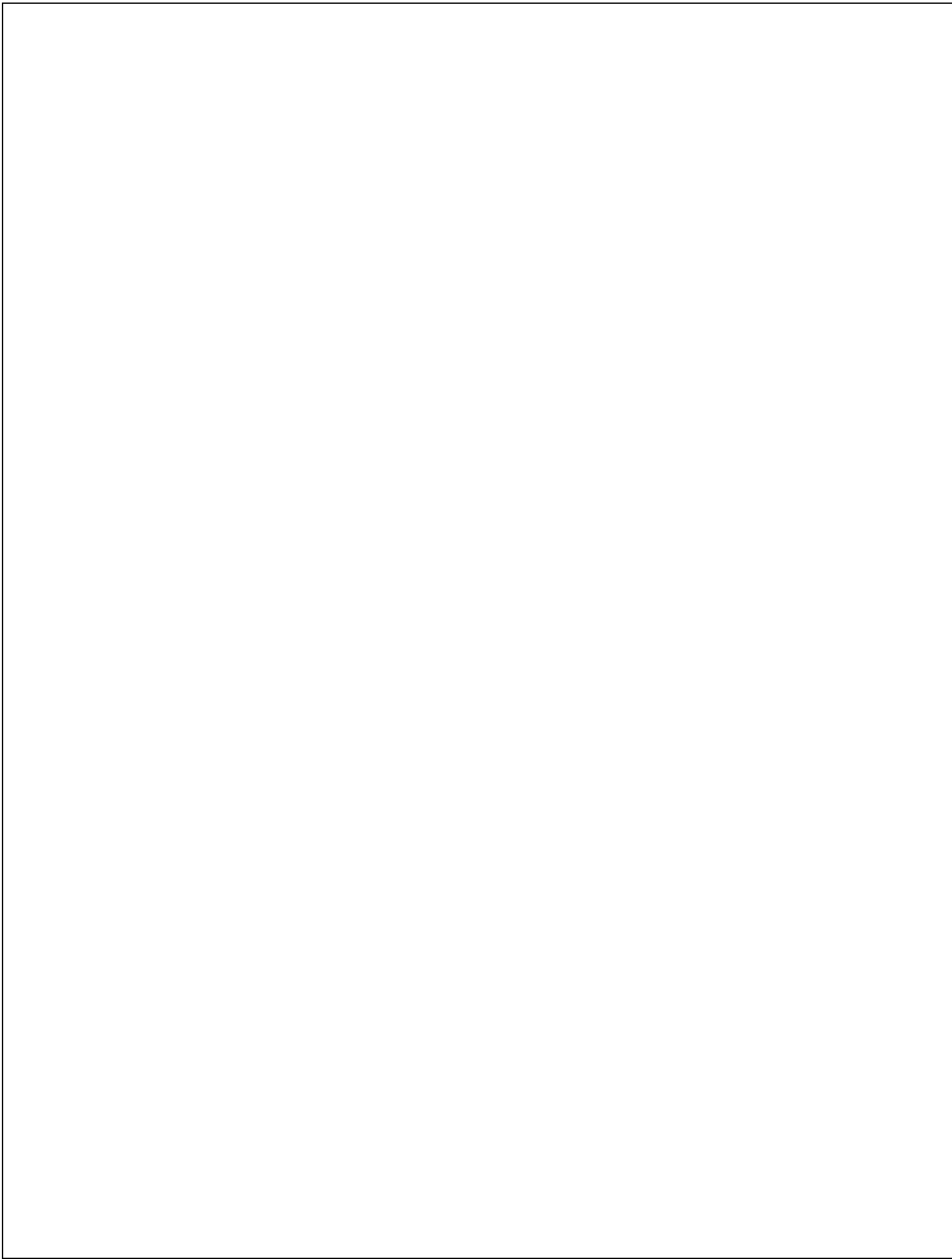
SECTION III

NEIGHBORHOOD PROFILES

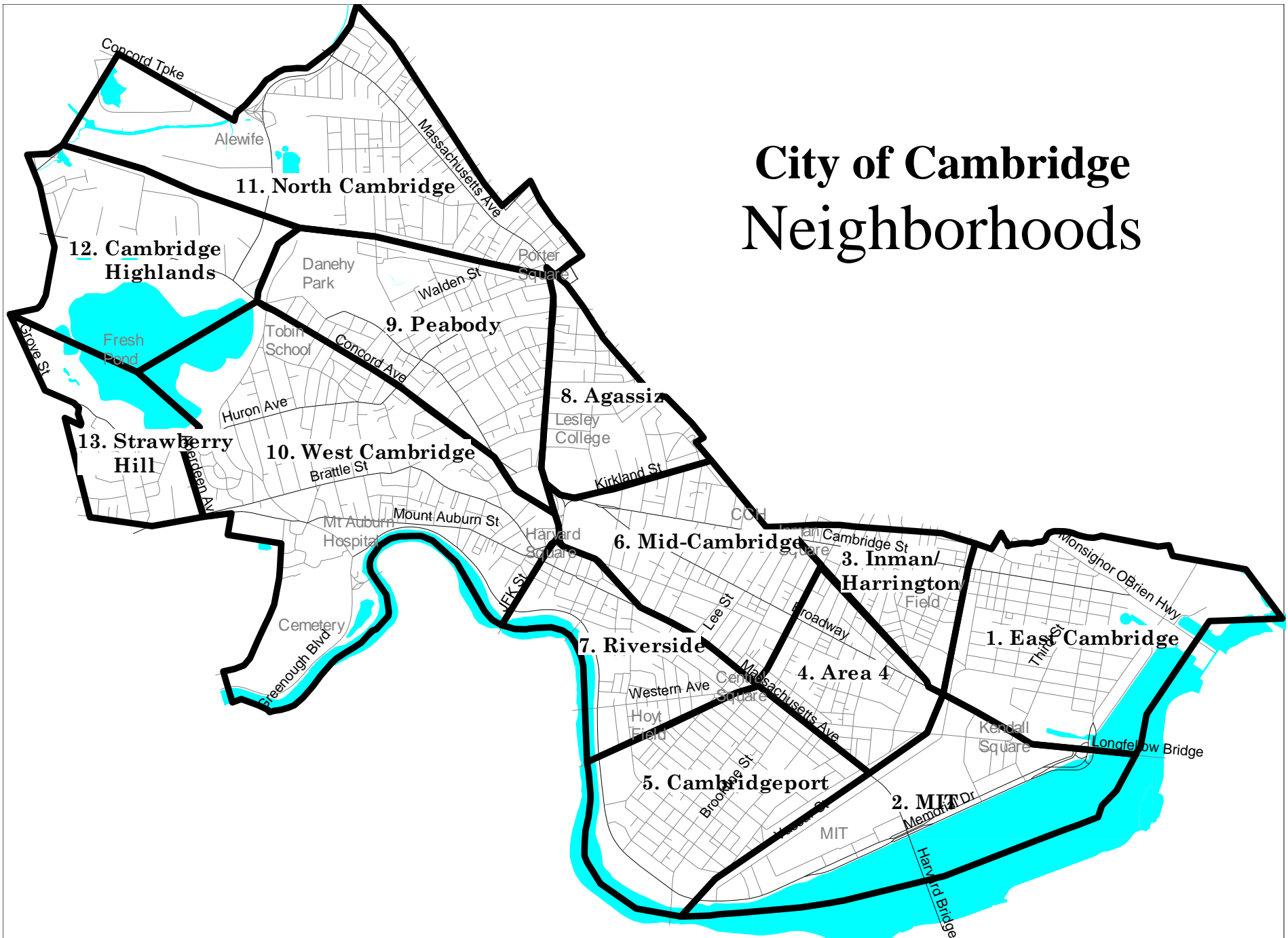
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THE FOLLOWING IS AN OVERVIEW
OF TARGET CRIMES IN
CAMBRIDGE NEIGHBORHOODS



City of Cambridge Neighborhoods



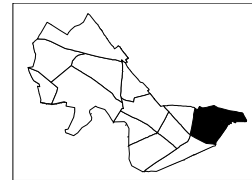
NEIGHBORHOOD BREAKDOWN OF INDEX CRIMES IN 2008

CRIME	East Camb	MIT	Inman/ Harrington	Area 4	Camb Port	Mid- Camb	Riverside	Agassiz	Peabody	W. Camb	N. Camb	Camb Highlands	Strw Hill	Total
Aggravated Assault	31	2	24	45	38	26	25	7	15	18	33	4	6	274
Arson	3	0	2	2	2	2	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	14
Auto Theft	15	5	25	31	28	28	21	8	24	26	21	3	9	244
Commercial Break	12	2	9	7	8	4	7	1	4	12	7	3	0	76
Commercial Rob.	7	1	3	3	1	3	1	0	5	7	4	1	0	36
Drugs	14	1	12	21	13	15	14	0	3	7	8	0	3	111
Flim Flam	8	2	3	7	4	7	3	3	5	3	7	2	0	54
Forgery*	56	8	27	37	34	49	43	12	25	36	35	4	9	376
Homicide	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Housebreak	28	0	55	47	32	61	23	20	50	33	34	2	6	391
Indecent Assault	6	2	4	4	6	9	2	0	7	3	3	1	0	47
Indecent Exposure	1	2	2	8	3	4	5	0	2	9	4	0	1	41
Larceny (Misc)	4	0	6	3	3	2	1	0	2	2	1	0	3	27
Larceny from Building	65	14	19	37	40	50	38	17	11	68	38	19	1	417
Larceny from MV	140	33	35	73	120	115	75	76	105	139	90	20	32	1053
Larceny from Person	56	12	23	40	43	26	57	9	16	46	20	6	3	357
Larceny from Residence	22	0	12	27	29	36	14	6	22	11	28	0	7	214
Larceny of Bicycle	20	2	24	32	34	34	30	9	24	21	42	2	3	277
Larceny of Plate	9	2	6	9	7	4	10	5	4	2	5	1	1	65
Larceny of Services	2	1	5	4	0	0	3	0	2	3	2	3	1	26
Mal. Dest. Property	90	5	60	90	77	44	59	9	52	50	88	11	14	649
Peeping & Spying	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	2
Shoplifting	167	1	3	33	34	6	12	2	1	51	13	24	5	352
Simple Assault	57	7	35	54	69	35	46	9	16	27	52	3	6	416
Street Robbery	19	4	10	20	16	13	9	1	13	13	22	1	0	141

*Included in the total is one forgery incident that took place in an unknown location.

NEIGHBORHOOD 1

EAST CAMBRIDGE



BOUNDARIES: bordered by the Charles River, Main Street, Broadway, the B&A Railroad, and the Somerville border

POPULATION AS OF 2000:

7,294 residents
3,688 households

AVERAGE HOUSEHOLD INCOME AS OF 1999:

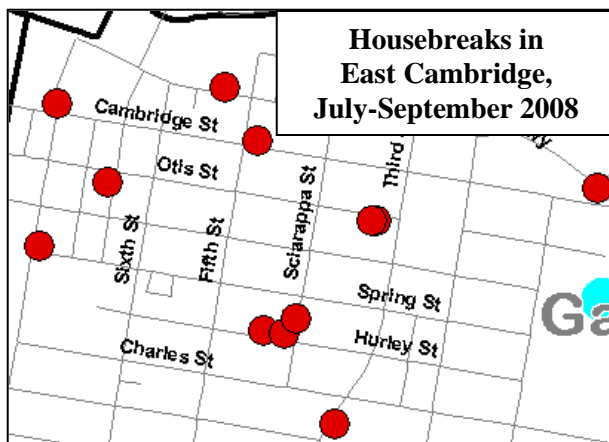
\$41,583

Neighborhood #1 lies within the patrol boundaries of Car 1 (2 officers) and Car 1R (1 officer). Also included are walking routes 1A, 1B, and 1C.

COMPARISON OF TARGET CRIME STATISTICS, 2004-2008

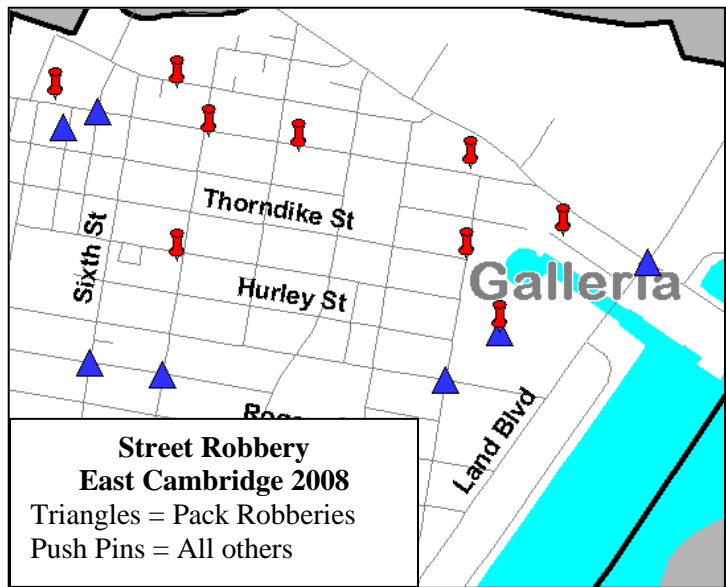
CRIME	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Housebreaks	38	62	41	26	28
Street Robbery	15	17	20	15	19
Auto Theft	56	34	21	24	15
Larceny from MVs	86	62	94	171	140
Malicious Destruction	86	108	63	107	90
Drug Incidents	15	16	7	20	14

2008 YEAR END REVIEW



- Housebreaks** in East Cambridge increased slightly in 2008 by two incidents, or 8%, following substantial decreases in 2006 and 2007. This neighborhood experienced 43% of its breaks in the months of July, August and September, during which time a substantial housebreak pattern was taking place in the neighboring areas of Inman/Harrington and Area 4 (see Burglary section on page 40 for more information on this pattern). Seven of the housebreaks in 2008 were categorized as either an attempt (no entry actually gained), a domestic incident, or as having been committed by a landlord. A majority of the residences were entered through unlocked or forced windows. Jewelry, cash, and electronics such as laptops, iPods, cameras, and televisions were most often reported stolen.

- **Street robberies** in East Cambridge increased by four incidents (27%) in 2008 compared to 2007. This increase caused East Cambridge to tie with Area 4 for the second highest total of street robberies in the city. Ten of the nineteen incidents were pack robberies in which three or more suspects robbed a victim; six of these took place near or at the Cambridgeside Galleria Mall. No definite patterns emerged, but a general trend of intimidation street robberies targeting cell phones started to become a problem throughout the city in 2008. There was also one robbery in East Cambridge that was part of a Cambridge-Somerville pattern; a Medford man was arrested in connection with this pattern in December.



- **Auto theft** dropped by 38% in East Cambridge in 2008. Approximately one-third of the stolen cars were Hondas, which is the most commonly stolen vehicle in the City. Thefts were spread evenly throughout the year, with most months reporting one or two incidents. A majority of the incidents took place overnight, and 33% of the thefts were reported to take place on a Sunday. The two streets with the most auto thefts this year were Fifth St and Otis St. To date, 12 (80%) of the vehicles stolen from East Cambridge in 2008 have been recovered.

- After registering an 82% increase in **larcenies from motor vehicles** (LMVs) in 2007, East Cambridge saw an 18% decrease in 2008. Despite the drop, the 2008 total of 140 incidents was still the second highest number this neighborhood has seen in at least ten years, and East Cambridge was again ranked number one for the most LMVs in the city this year. In 72% of the larcenies, access to the inside of the vehicle was gained by breaking a window. A large majority (44%) of these incidents involved the theft of GPS units, which continued to be the most targeted item in 2008. In May and June, a pattern of daytime LMVs targeting GPS units emerged in parking garages and lots in East Cambridge and the Kendall Sq area. A 31-year-old male was arrested in connection with this pattern in early June.

- **Malicious destruction** declined by 16% in 2008 after a sharp increase of 70% in 2007. There were 60% fewer car windows smashed and vehicles pinstriped in 2008 than in 2007. Unlike 2007, there were no established vandalism sprees in 2008 in this neighborhood, aside from a few groups of related graffiti signs found in June and November. However, 2008 registered a 125% increase in graffiti incidents in East Cambridge. Citywide, graffiti incidents increased by 59% in 2008.

- **Drug incidents** in East Cambridge decreased by 30% in 2008. The incidents were evenly split between arrests for possession and arrests for possession with intent to distribute drugs. Seven of the incidents involved marijuana, three involved heroin, two involved cocaine, and two involved prescription or designer drugs. Eleven of the fourteen incidents this year resulted in arrests, the majority of which occurred in the first half of the year. March recorded the largest number of drug incidents in 2008 with four.

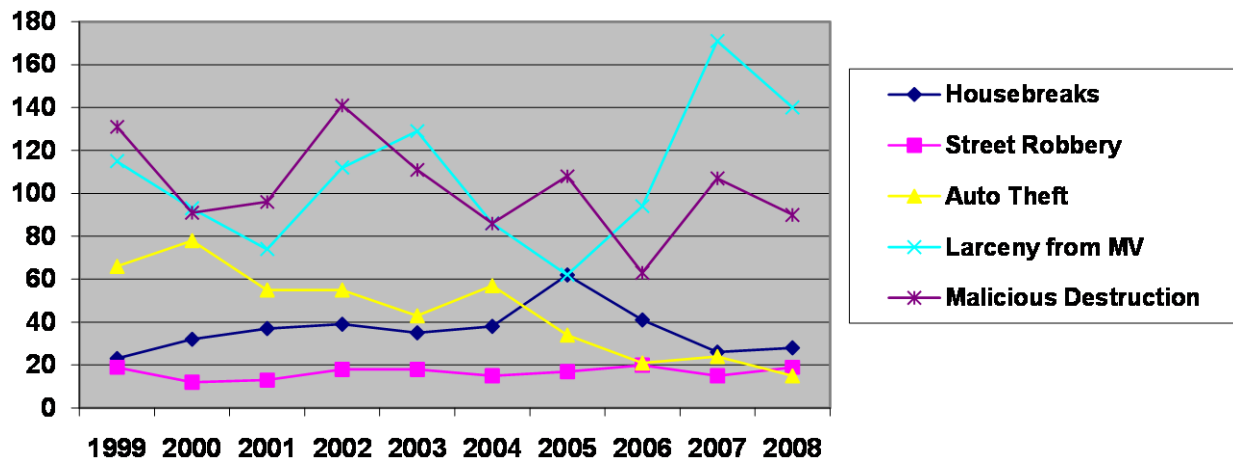
ANNUAL AVERAGE FOR EAST CAMBRIDGE TARGET CRIMES			
Crime	1981-1990	1991-2000	2001-2008
Housebreaks	38	36	38
Street Robbery	10	19	17
Auto Theft	156	86	38
Larceny from MVs	121	106	109
Malicious Destruction	118	110	100

NEIGHBORHOOD PROFILE AND HISTORICAL SYNOPSIS

With the booming Cambridgeside Galleria and the fringe of Cambridge Center as its most prominent features, East Cambridge may be the most heavily trafficked commercial region in the city. It has a smaller than average residential population. Other features of the neighborhood include the Lechmere MBTA station, the Kennedy-Longfellow Elementary School, and the Middlesex County Courthouse.

- **Street robberies** increased to 25 incidents with the opening of the Cambridgeside Galleria in 1991, but they dropped in 1997 and have remained at or below 20 incidents ever since. Most of these are pack or bullyboy robberies committed by and against juveniles. Other robbery patterns—predatory in nature—sometimes appear on Cambridge Street near the B&A Railroad.
- The motor vehicle related crimes of **auto theft**, **larceny from motor vehicles**, and **malicious destruction of property** have, in the past, occurred at the highest rates here of anywhere in Cambridge due to the level of commercial parking around the Cambridgeside Galleria, along Cambridge Street, and in the vicinity of Cambridge Center.
- **Assaults, threats** and related crimes between plaintiffs, victims, or complainants and defendants sometimes occur in the area of the Middlesex County Courthouse. In 2008, divisions of the Courthouse began to relocate to other jurisdictions to allow for renovations at the Cambridge Courthouse. This may affect numbers in 2009.

East Cambridge 1999-2008

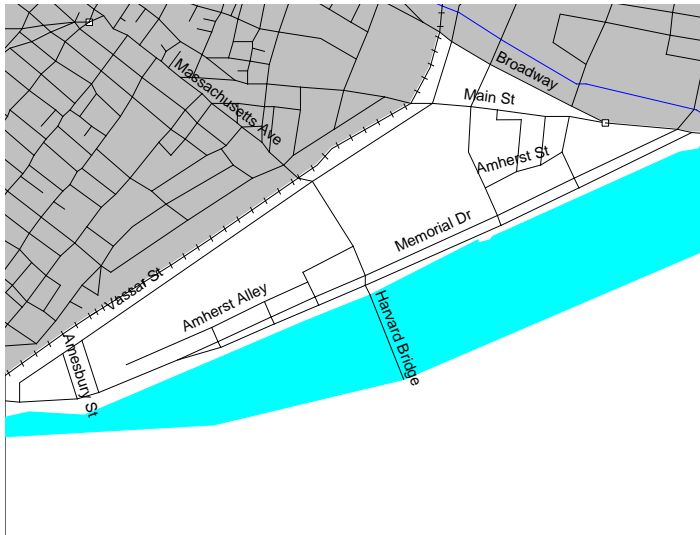
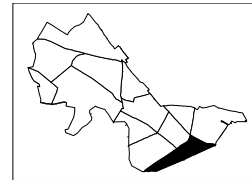


2007 YEAR END REVIEW

Housebreaks reported in East Cambridge dropped by 15 incidents (37%) in 2007. A large majority of the breaks took place during the months of September, October, and November, accounting for 46% of the incidents. • **Street robberies** decreased by 25% in 2007, with no significant patterns developing. The majority of the **street robberies** occurred Friday through Sunday between 8:30 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. • **Auto thefts** increased by 14% over 2006. January and June experienced the most auto thefts, with four incidents each. Seventy-five percent of the vehicles have been recovered to date. • **Larcenies from motor vehicles (LMVs)** exploded in Cambridge in 2007. East Cambridge experienced an 82% increase from 94 to 171 incidents and ranked number one for most LMVs in the city. Over 40% involved the theft of GPS units. • **Malicious destruction** incidents rose by 70% in 2007, due to a spree of tire slashing incidents in May and smashed car windows in June. • **Drug incidents** rose by 186% (13 incidents) in 2007. Seventeen of the twenty incidents resulted in arrests.

NEIGHBORHOOD 2

M.I.T. AREA



BOUNDARIES: bounded by Main Street, Broadway, the B&A Railroad, and the Charles River

POPULATION AS OF 2000:

5,486 residents

752 households

AVERAGE HOUSEHOLD INCOME AS OF 1999:

\$37,287

Neighborhood #2 is encompassed within the patrol boundaries of Car 1 and Car 3 (2 officer cars). M.I.T. has its own police force that patrols this area.

COMPARISON OF TARGET CRIME STATISTICS, 2004-2008

CRIME	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Housebreaks	2	3	1	1	0
Street Robbery	2	1	1	2	4
Auto Theft	15	4	7	5	5
Larceny from MVs	18	16	24	29	33
Malicious Destruction	10	11	4	5	5
Drug Incidents	0	1	1	3	1

2008 YEAR END REVIEW

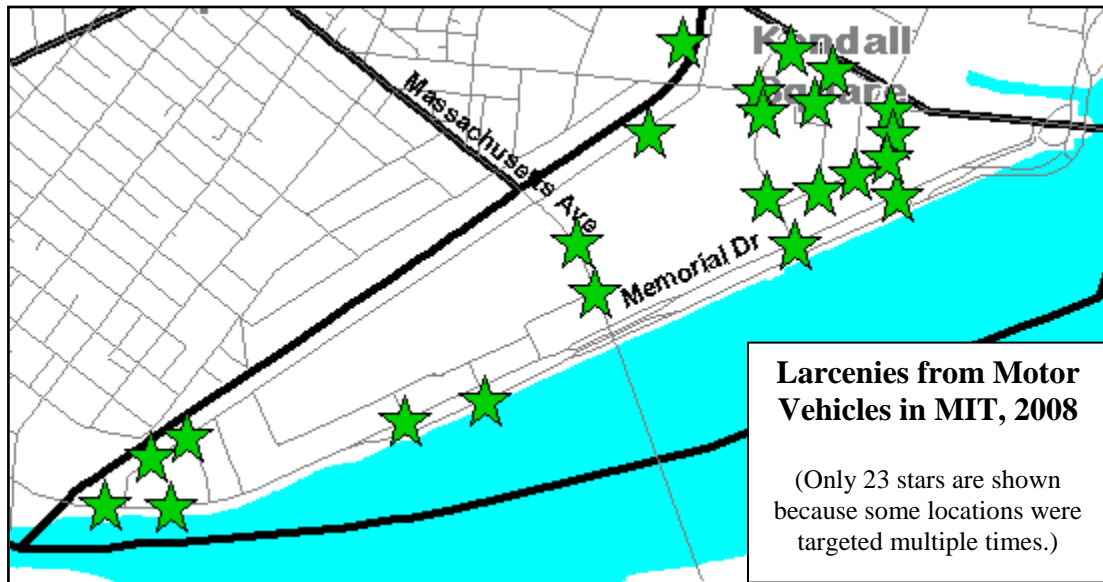
Please note that the majority of the crime in the MIT area is reported to the MIT police, contributing to the low numbers tallied by the Cambridge Police Department. These low numbers make it difficult to pinpoint information significant to pattern identification.

- No **housebreaks** were reported to the Cambridge Police in the MIT neighborhood in 2008.
- **Street robberies** in this neighborhood doubled from two incidents in 2007 to four in 2008. In the first robbery, six Boston males were arrested for robbing another male at knifepoint on a shuttle bus in April. In June, a victim on a bicycle was surrounded by a pack of teenagers who pushed him off his bicycle and took his money. In mid-August, a victim was robbed of his wallet and bag at gunpoint by two males. A week later two males on bicycles robbed a victim of his wallet and cell phone.
- **Auto thefts** in this part of the City remained unchanged from 2007 to 2008, with both years registering five incidents each. Four of the stolen autos were recovered by the end of the year.
- Suspects broke a window to gain entry in 85% of the **larcenies from motor vehicles**. Incidents increased by 14% and surpassed the previous five-year high. The 2008 total of 33 incidents was the highest number this neighborhood has seen in at least ten years. The continuing citywide trend of GPS unit thefts

greatly affected the number of larcenies in this neighborhood and was involved in 19 out of the 33 incidents. In May and June, a pattern of daytime LMVs targeting GPS units emerged in parking garages and lots in the Kendall Sq area of MIT and Area 4 as well as in East Cambridge. In early June, a 31-year-old male was arrested in East Cambridge in connection with this pattern.

- Similar to auto thefts, **malicious destruction** in the MIT neighborhood stayed the same from 2007 to 2008, with only five incidents reported, all of which involved vehicle damage. Car windows were smashed or broken in April, June, and November, a vehicle's side mirror was broken in May, and a truck sustained multiple scratches from an unknown object in August.

- In the sole **drug incident** in 2008, a search warrant resulted in the arrest of two Cambridge males who were charged with possession of marijuana with intent to distribute.



ANNUAL AVERAGE FOR M.I.T. AREA TARGET CRIMES			
Crime	1981-1990	1991-2000	2001-2008
Housebreaks	19	4	1
Street Robbery	11	5	3
Auto Theft	102	55	9
Larceny from MVs	56	49	24
Malicious Destruction	47	28	9

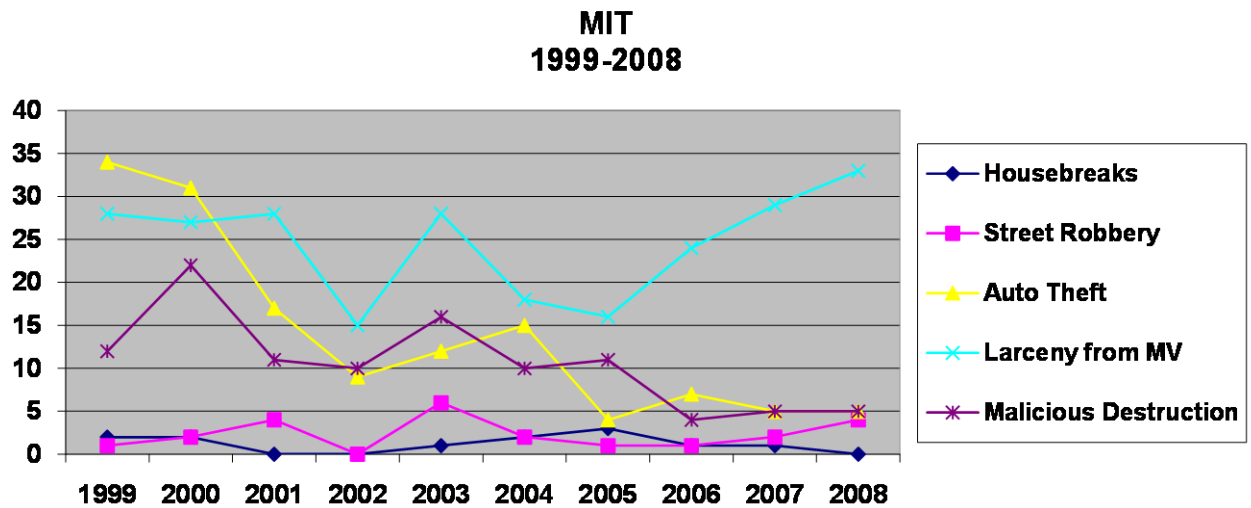
NEIGHBORHOOD PROFILE AND HISTORICAL SYNOPSIS

The Massachusetts Institute of Technology is the dominant venue in the MIT neighborhood given that MIT property envelops most of the area. Its large student population—a large proportion of which is foreign—is alluring to local criminals, who often consider students to be unsuspecting prey.

The Massachusetts Institute of Technology has its own police force, which reports its own crime statistics to the Uniform Crime Reporting system. Statistics contained in this profile—and in the rest of the report—do not include crimes on M.I.T. property except for arrests and incidents in which Cambridge Police Officers participated.

- The large number of automobiles parked each day on Vassar Street, Ames Street, Amherst Street, and at the Hyatt Regency Hotel have traditionally accounted for high numbers of **auto thefts** and **larcenies from motor vehicles**.
- **Street robbery** patterns have sometimes emerged at the intersection of Massachusetts Avenue and Vassar Street, and outside the Bank of America ATM on Main Street. These are often predatory, targeting college students that are walking in the areas late at night. Over the course of 20 years, however, M.I.T. has maintained a street robbery level well below most other neighborhoods.

- Bicycles parked at racks on sidewalks all around M.I.T. have been targeted by thieves in large numbers. M.I.T. and Cambridge Police make several arrests per year for **larcenies of bicycles**.

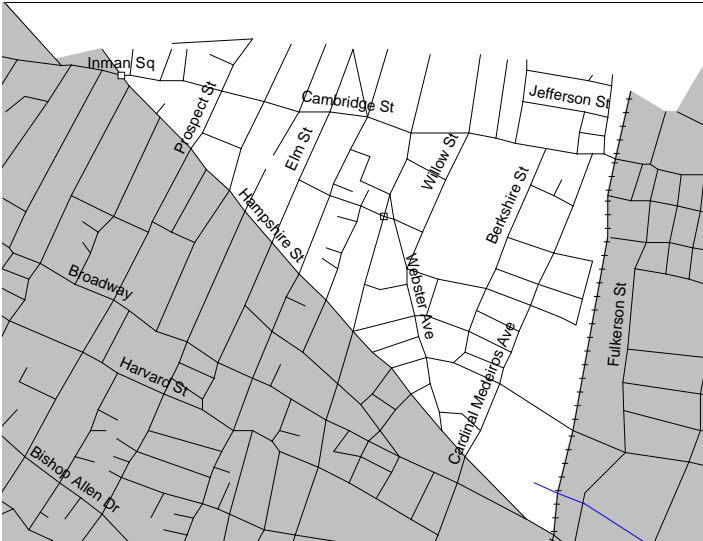
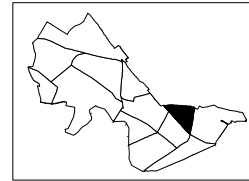


2007 YEAR END REVIEW

There was one **housebreak** reported in 2007 at an MIT fraternity, in which a laptop was stolen. • There were two **street robberies** in 2007; the first was a traffic & parking issue in April and the second involved a robbery at knifepoint in October. • Of the five vehicles taken in **auto theft incidents** in 2007, four had been recovered by the end of the year. • **Larcenies from motor vehicles** increased by 21% in 2007 and surpassed the previous five-year high. Fifteen of the twenty-nine incidents involved the theft of GPS units. • **Malicious destruction** increased by one incident in 2007. Three of the five incidents involved vehicle damage. • All three drug incidents in 2007 dealt with cocaine. Two people were arrested and one was summonsed to court.

NEIGHBORHOOD 3

INMAN/HARRINGTON



BOUNDARIES: bounded by the B&A Railroad, Hampshire Street, and the Somerville line.

POPULATION AS OF 2000:

7,345 residents
3,021 households

AVERAGE HOUSEHOLD INCOME AS OF 1999:

\$39,899

Neighborhood #3 is encompassed in the patrol boundaries of Car 1 (2 officers) and Car 3R (1 officer). Also included within this area are walking routes 3A, 3B, and 3C.

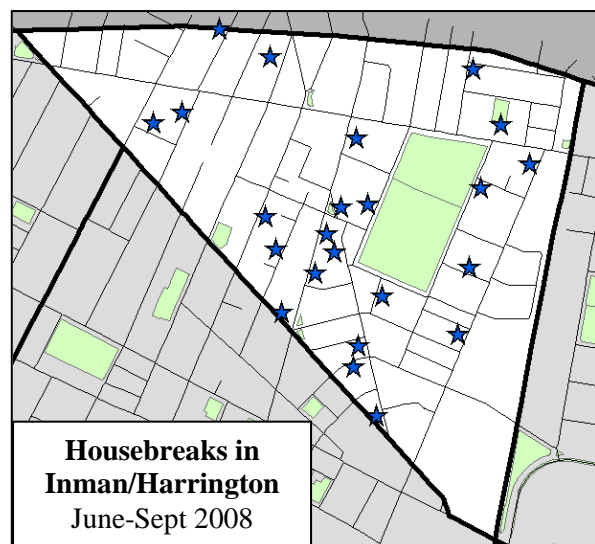
COMPARISON OF TARGET CRIME STATISTICS, 2004-2008

CRIME	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Housebreaks	61	34	53	80	55
Street Robbery	9	15	23	12	10
Auto Theft	45	23	23	18	25
Larceny from MVs	52	30	61	89	35
Malicious Destruction	70	67	62	73	60
Drug Incidents	11	11	14	23	12

2008 YEAR END REVIEW

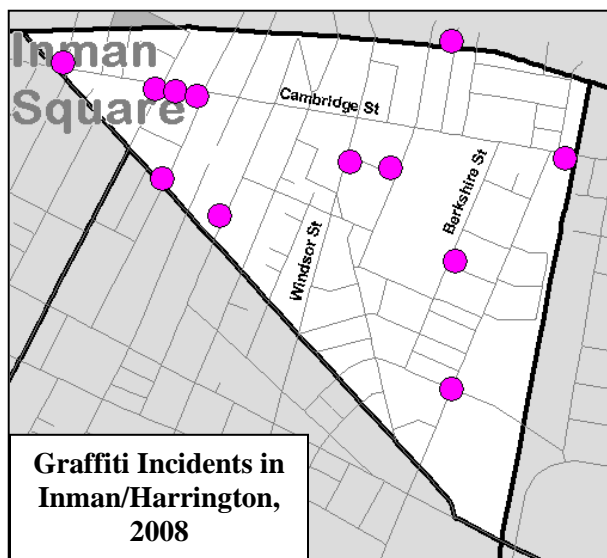
- Housebreaks** decreased by 31% this year, dropping from 80 incidents in 2007 to 55 in 2008. Nine of the breaks were attempts in which no entry was gained to the residence, and six were domestic incidents. Residences that experienced multiple breaks during the year were located on Berkshire St, Cardinal Medeiros Ave, Carlisle St, Hardwick St, Marney St, & Windsor St. Nine housebreak arrests were made over the course of the year.

A year-long daytime housebreak pattern in Inman/Harrington and Area 4 was one of the biggest problems in the City in 2007, accounting for the unusually high number of housebreaks that year. This pattern involved young juvenile suspects from these neighborhoods entering apartments through unlocked or forced windows and stealing laptops and other electronics. Although the problem was



reduced dramatically following the creation of a Housebreak Task Force in November 2007, a few flare-ups of the pattern reemerged over the course of 2008. The most significant of these flare-ups occurred in late June through mid-September. Twenty-six (47%) of the housebreaks in Inman/Harrington in 2008 took place during this time period, and two arrests were made in connection with this pattern.

- **Street robberies** decreased by 12% in Inman/Harrington in 2008, bringing the overall reduction since 2006 to 57%. In 2008, the robberies were scattered in location and type throughout the year with largest number of robberies (three) reported in November. No distinct patterns emerged in this neighborhood in 2008. A Boston teen was arrested after he used a knife to rob another teen of his cell phone and gold chain in Kendall Sq in June.
- **Auto thefts** increased by 39% from 2007 to 2008. Cambridge St and Hampshire St each experienced more than two incidents throughout the year, and Hondas and Toyotas were reported stolen most often (two and three incidents, respectively). Approximately 68% of the vehicles stolen from this neighborhood had been recovered as of January 2009.
- After reaching their highest level in over ten years in 2007, **larcenies from motor vehicles** in Inman/Harrington dropped by 61% in 2008. The most common items targeted in this neighborhood were GPS systems, accounting for 37% of the thefts. A brief pattern of larcenies targeting GPS units occurred along the border of Inman and East Cambridge in mid to late November; otherwise no discernable patterns emerged this year. February and November experienced the most incidents, with 6 reported larcenies each. There was only one theft from the exterior of a vehicle; a tire was stolen from a car on Elm St in January. Two people were arrested throughout the year in connection to car breaks in this neighborhood.



- **Malicious destruction** decreased by 18% in 2008, dropping from 73 incidents to 60. At least 55% of the incidents reported in 2008 were car-related, with the two most frequent damage types being broken windows and tire slashings. Most of these car incidents were isolated, although there was a one-night spree of car windows smashed on Tremont St in early February. Graffiti incidents more than doubled from five incidents in 2007 to twelve incidents in 2008, reflecting an overall increase seen throughout Cambridge. Although nearly half of the graffiti incidents occurred in April, no definite patterns emerged in this neighborhood.

- **Drug incidents** dropped by almost 50% in 2008. All twelve of the incidents this year resulted in at least one arrest, for a total of sixteen people arrested on drug charges. The majority of the incidents involved either marijuana or cocaine (five incidents each). The other two incidents involved either heroin or prescription drugs. All but three of

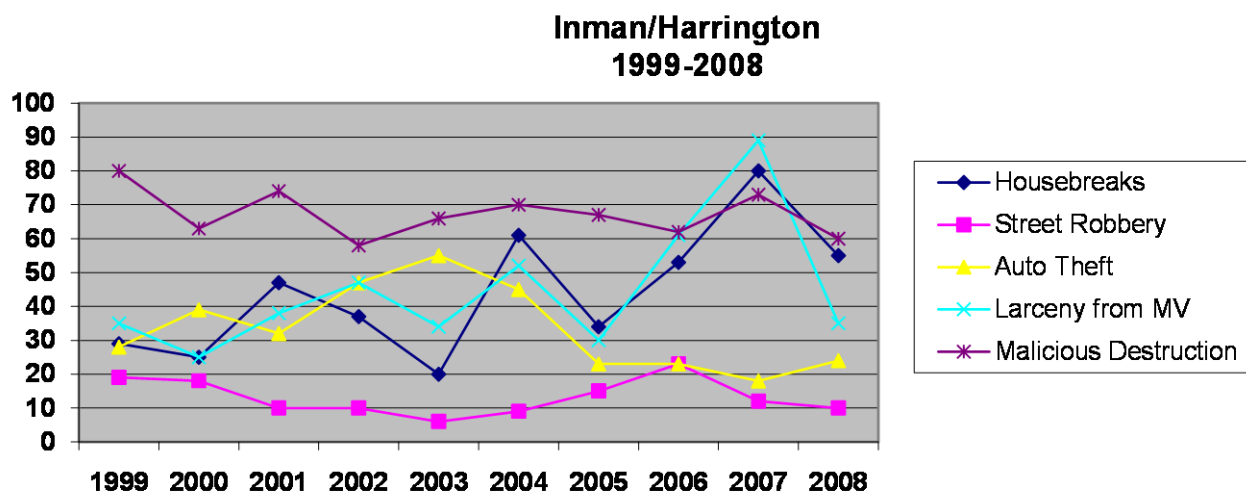
the incidents involved drug possession or the intent to distribute drugs. January saw the most drug crimes this year with one-third of the incidents.

ANNUAL AVERAGE FOR INMAN/HARRINGTON TARGET CRIMES			
Crime	1981-1990	1991-2000	2001-2008
Housebreaks	57	38	48
Street Robbery	14	15	12
Auto Theft	89	48	34
Larceny from MVs	66	45	48
Malicious Destruction	94	79	66

NEIGHBORHOOD PROFILE AND HISTORICAL SYNOPSIS

The Inman/Harrington neighborhood's population ranks at the median for the city; consequently, so do many of its crimes. Inman/Harrington is also marked by a number of commercial establishments along Cambridge Street, in Inman Square, and around One Kendall Square.

- Inman/Harrington typically has an average number of **housebreaks**, given its population. Cambridge St, Marney St, Cardinal Medeiros Ave, Columbia St, and Plymouth St have been "hot spots" for this crime. The density of housebreaks generally increases in the lower half of the neighborhood, nearing the Area 4 border.
- **Auto theft** and **malicious destruction** have remained at median levels in the 2000s. The related crime of **larceny from motor vehicles**, on the other hand, is lower in only three other neighborhoods.
- The King Open School and Donnelly Field guarantee a certain share of juvenile-related crime, such as vandalism, fights, and petty larcenies.
- **Drug** sales are sometimes a problem between the stretch of Roosevelt Towers and Inman Sq.

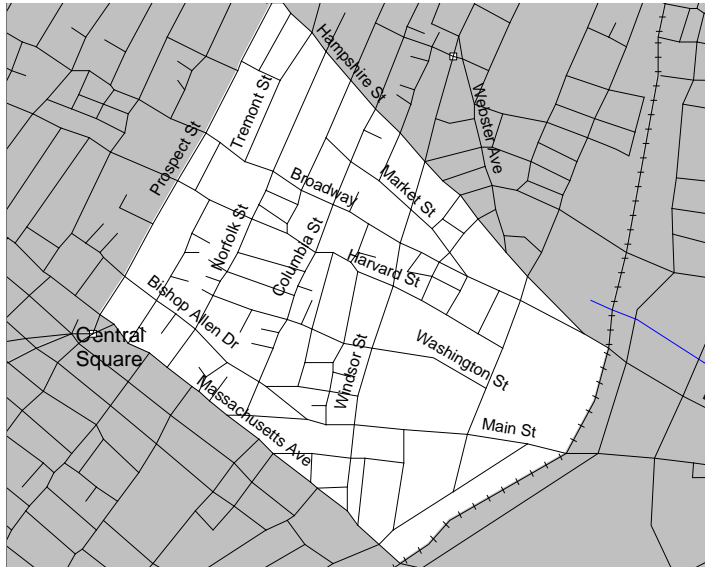
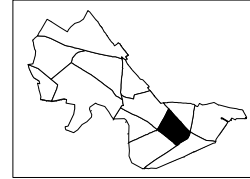


2007 YEAR END REVIEW

Housebreaks increased by 51% in 2007, due in large part to a yearlong housebreak pattern in Inman/Harrington and Area 4 involving local juveniles. The pattern, which resulted in over 200 incidents in the two neighborhoods, was characterized by window entry and stolen laptops. A Housebreak Task Force was created to battle the problem in late 2007. • **Street robberies** dropped by almost 50% in 2007. There was a pack robbery in February that may have been related to two others that took place in Mid-Cambridge and Area 4 in March. Otherwise, no patterns developed. • **Auto thefts** decreased by 22% in 2007 in Inman/Harrington. Hondas were the most highly targeted automobiles, involved in four incidents. • **Larcenies from motor vehicles** increased by 46% in 2007. Similar to the rest of the city, the most commonly targeted items in this neighborhood were GPS units, accounting for 35% of the thefts. Two arrests were made throughout the year in connection with the breaks. • The number of **malicious destruction** incidents in Inman/Harrington in 2007 rose by 18%, with nearly three-quarters involving some form of vandalism to a vehicle: broken windows, tire slashings, pinstriping, etc. • **Drug incidents** increased by 64% in 2007. Arrests were made in 17 of the 23 incidents.

NEIGHBORHOOD 4

AREA 4



BOUNDARIES: the B&A Railroad, Massachusetts Avenue, Prospect Street, and Hampshire Street

POPULATION AS OF 2000:

7,263 residents
2,630 households

AVERAGE HOUSEHOLD INCOME AS OF 1999:

\$34,306

Neighborhood #4 is encompassed in the patrol boundaries of Car 2 (2 officers), and Car 4R (1 officer). Also included are walking routes 4A, 4B, and 4C, and Central 10.

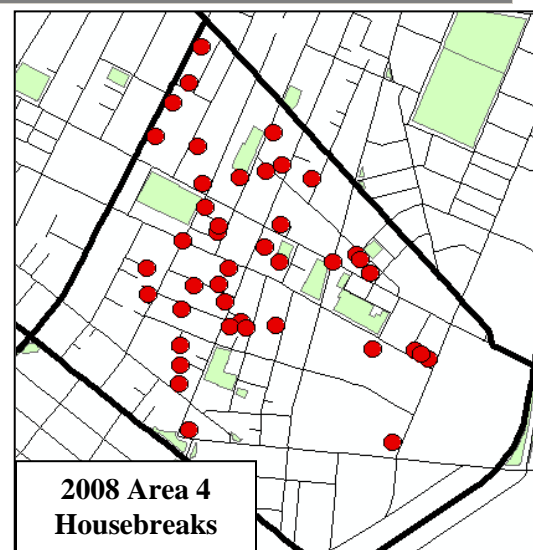
COMPARISON OF TARGET CRIME STATISTICS, 2004-2008

CRIME	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Housebreaks	70	37	54	86	47
Street Robbery	40	27	36	21	20
Auto Theft	43	26	26	35	31
Larceny from MVs	70	54	64	140	73
Malicious Destruction	90	80	66	54	90
Drug Incidents	22	37	45	37	21

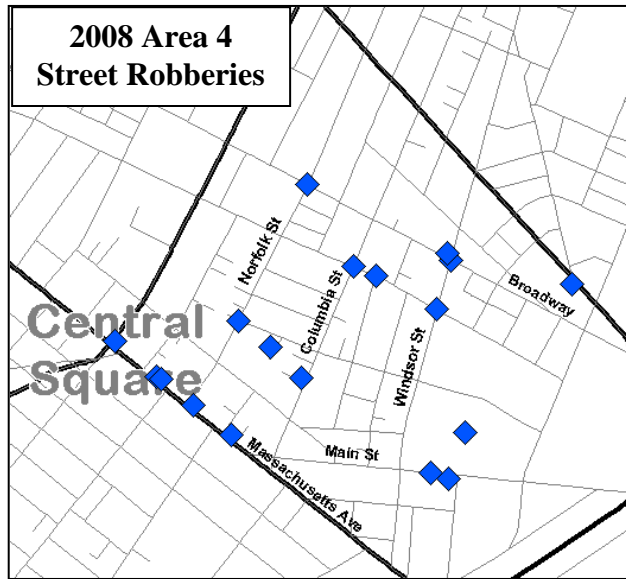
2008 YEAR END REVIEW

- Housebreaks** in Area 4 decreased by 45% from 2007 to 2008. Fourteen of the breaks were categorized as either an attempt in which no entry was gained to the residence, a domestic incident, or as having been committed by an acquaintance. Residences that experienced multiple breaks during the year were located on Market St, Norfolk St, and Broadway. Eleven housebreak arrests were made over the course of the year.

A year-long daytime housebreak pattern in Inman/Harrington and Area 4 was one of the biggest problems in the City in 2007, accounting for the unusually high number of housebreaks that year. This pattern involved young juvenile suspects from these neighborhoods entering apartments through unlocked or forced windows and stealing laptops and other electronics. Although the problem was reduced dramatically following the creation of a Housebreak Task Force in November 2007, a few flare-ups of the pattern reemerged over the course of



2008. The most significant of these flare-ups occurred in late June through mid-September. Thirteen (28%) of the housebreaks in Area 4 in 2008 took place during this time period, and two arrests were made in connection with this pattern.



- In 2008, Area 4 tied with East Cambridge for the second highest number of **street robberies** in the city, despite a slight drop from 21 incidents down to 20. This total of 20 incidents is the lowest the neighborhood has seen in over ten years. Mass Ave saw the most incidents in the area this year with six robberies (most of which took place in the Central Sq area). Four of the robberies in Area 4 resulted in arrests. A pattern of pack robberies emerged in and around Area 4 in mid-May. Eight similar robberies were reported in this pattern, all involving lone male victims and groups of young, unarmed, male suspects who “roughed up” their victims before stealing their property. The pattern came to an end in late June with the arrest of an Everett man. In total, four people were arrested in connection with street robberies in this neighborhood over the course of 2008.

- Area 4 reported the highest number of **auto thefts** in the City this year with 31 stolen motor vehicles. This is down 11% (four incidents) from 2007. Streets that reported multiple thefts were Bishop Allen Dr, Broadway, Columbia St, Hampshire St, Harvard St, Market St, Massachusetts Ave, Newtowne Ct, Norfolk St, Suffolk St, and Windsor St. Hondas represented 27% of the thefts, followed by Toyotas, which were targeted in 19% of the incidents. To date, 68% of the stolen cars have been recovered.

- The number of **larcenies from motor vehicles** in 2007 decreased by 48% from 2007 to 2008. Entry was gained in nearly three-fourths of the incidents by smashing a car window. GPS Navigation Systems continued to be the most popular target in these incidents and were taken in 27% of the car breaks in Area 4. In May and June, a pattern of daytime LMVs targeting GPS units emerged in parking garages and lots in East Cambridge and the Kendall Sq area. In early June, a 31-year-old male was arrested in East Cambridge in connection with this pattern. Streets in Area 4 that reported five or more incidents in 2008 were Main St (11), Technology Sq (11), Albany St (9), Bishop Allen Dr (5), and Norfolk St (5). One LMV incident in December resulted in the arrest of a Dorchester man.

- The number of **malicious destruction incidents** in Area 4 increased by 67% in 2008, rising from 54 incidents to 90. Nearly 60% of the incidents involved damages done to motor vehicles, including 23 smashed windows and 27 miscellaneous damages (tire slashings, pinstripping, etc.). Graffiti incidents more than doubled from six in 2007 to fourteen in 2008, reflecting an overall increase seen throughout Cambridge. Six related graffiti taggings were reported in this neighborhood during the month of June. Other destruction types that increased by more than 100% in 2008 were tire slashings, vehicle pinstripings, and miscellaneous damages to businesses and residences (not including broken windows).

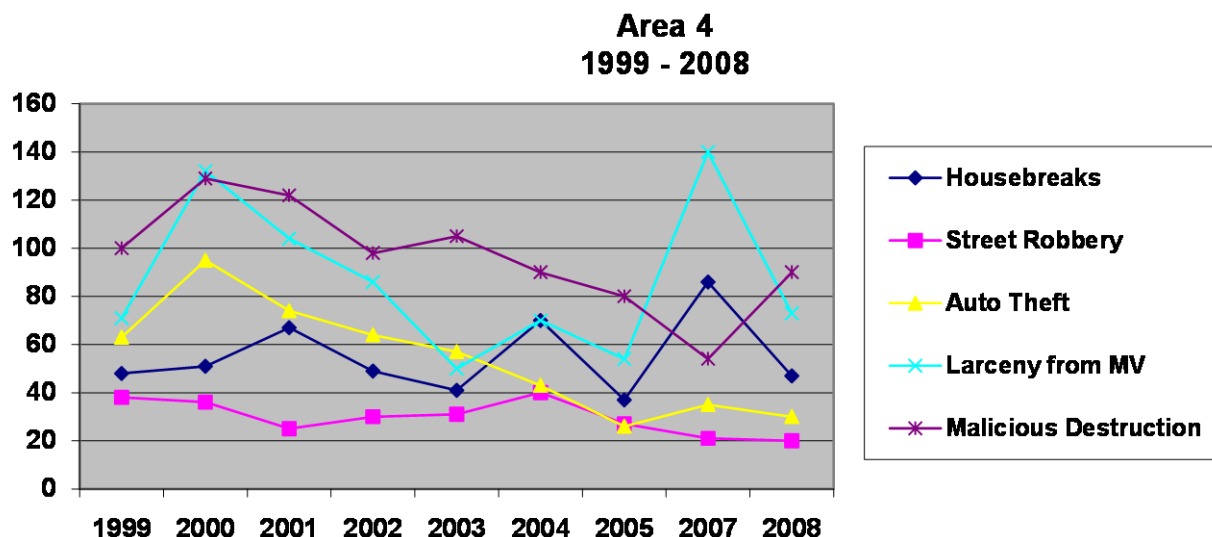
- **Drug** incidents in Area 4 declined again in 2008, dropping 43% from 37 incidents to 21. Of these 21 drug-related incidents, 20 resulted in arrests. Marijuana was involved in 57% of the incidents and cocaine or crack cocaine was involved in the other 43%. There were no reports involving heroin or prescription pills this year. Eighteen of the incidents involved either drug possession or the intent to distribute drugs.

ANNUAL AVERAGE FOR AREA 4 TARGET CRIMES			
Crime	1981-1990	1991-2000	2001-2008
Housebreaks	101	62	56
Street Robbery	75	47	29
Auto Theft	147	78	45
Larceny from MVs	134	77	80
Malicious Destruction	131	109	88

NEIGHBORHOOD PROFILE AND HISTORICAL SYNOPSIS

Area 4 has a less-than-average residential population among Cambridge neighborhoods, but it has a higher population density than most due to the smaller size of the neighborhood. Coupled with a series of commercial establishments lining Massachusetts Avenue, multi-family homes, as well as large apartment buildings and two public housing developments (Newtowne Court and Washington Elms), Area 4 is different from all other neighborhoods.

- Area 4 **housebreaks** have increasingly rated higher than average. Area 4 is often a prime target for this type of crime due to its high population density in residential areas.
- **Larceny from motor vehicles** is often a problem in Area 4. However, in 2008, Area 4 had the fifth lowest number of incidents in the City. Despite the lower ranking, the theft of GPS units from vehicles is still a substantial problem both in Area 4 and citywide.



2007 YEAR END REVIEW

Housebreaks increased by nearly 60% in 2007, due in large part to a yearlong housebreak pattern in Area 4 and Inman/Harrington involving local juveniles. The pattern, which resulted in over 200 incidents in the two neighborhoods, was characterized by window entry and stolen laptops. A Housebreak Task Force was created to battle the problem in late 2007. • Area 4 reported the highest number of **street robberies** in the City in 2007, yet it was still the neighborhood's lowest total in over ten years. Ten of the twenty-one robberies resulted in arrests. • Area 4 also reported the highest number of **auto thefts** in the City in 2007 with 35 incidents. Toyotas represented 23% of the thefts, followed by Hondas, which were targeted in 17%. • The number of **larcenies from motor vehicles** in 2007 increased by 119% over 2006. The most commonly targeted items were GPS units, which were stolen in 38% of the car breaks. • The number of **malicious destruction incidents** in Area 4 decreased by 18% from the previous year. The most commonly reported incidents were damages done to motor vehicles, including 22 smashed windows. • **Drug incidents** in 2007 decreased by 18%. Thirty-four of the thirty-seven incidents resulted in an arrest. Roughly 59% involved marijuana, 27% involved crack/cocaine, 8% involved heroin, and 5% involved prescription drugs.